

## State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Maine CDC/DDS/Infectious Disease Epidemiology		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles Shawn Belanger		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	CD0-21-5170		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$150,000.000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-10A-20201007*1180
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	<b>8/1/2020</b>	Proposed End Date: 7/31/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Maine Health dba Maine Medical Center Westbrook, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Environmental Vector Surveillance		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<b>X</b>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Please respond to ALL of the following:
<b>1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.</b>
Maine CDC's Division of Disease Surveillance is directed to monitor and control infectious disease in the State, as defined in 22 MRSA Chp 250. Arboviral illnesses including Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), West Nile Virus (WNV), and Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) are threats in the State and across the United States. Maine CDC contracts for vector monitoring as an early warning system to identify when these viruses start circulating within the state. Part of this monitoring includes pesticide monitoring so that Maine is ready to respond in the event of high levels of circulating virus.

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### PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Lyme disease is the second most commonly reported infectious disease in Maine, and anaplasmosis and babesiosis cases are on the rise as well. These three illnesses plus other tickborne illnesses are a huge public health burden on the state. Maine is endemic for the *Ixodes scapularis* tick which can carry up to five distinct pathogens in Maine, and we are at risk for the introduction of new pathogenic tick species including the Lonestar tick and the Longicornus tick. The Department contracts for vector surveillance to continue to better address the increasing public health threat and to know where the ticks are located in the state and at what density, and to have a better idea of the infectivity rate of these ticks.

#### 2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

MaineHealth's Maine Medical Center Research Institute's Vectorborne Disease Laboratory already has the existing staff, equipment, training, and partnerships that will allow them to complete these services. The provider has internal expertise, equipment and relationships to complete mosquito and tick surveillance. Surveillance requires a huge time commitment as well as has additional equipment costs. Tick and mosquito surveillance also require an experienced entomologist to identify the vectors to gender and species. The provider has the time and experience to complete vector surveillance in a comprehensive, timely manner.

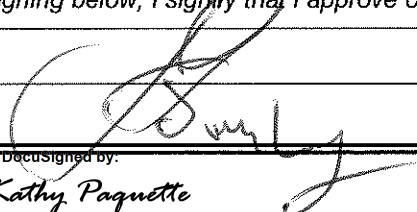
#### 3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

Proposed costs are similar to previous years. There are no other vendors or state personnel who can complete the work in this time frame.

#### 4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

The Department intends to competitively procure these services with a 7/1/2021 contract start date.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	6-24-21
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	<small>Deauthorized by:</small> <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD</small> Kathy Paquette	<b>Date:</b>	3/9/2021